



To be submitted to the Council at its meeting in July 2023

LICENSING AND COMMUNITY PROTECTION COMMITTEE

7th March 2023 at 5.00 p.m.

Present:

Councillor Hasthorpe (in the Chair)
Councillors Beasant, Boyd, Cairns, Callison, Farren, Silvester (substitute for Westcott) and K. Swinburn.

Officers in attendance:

- Adrian Moody (Licensing and Environmental Protection Manager)
- Sophie Pickerden (Committee Support Officer)
- Eve Richardson-Smith (Deputy Monitoring Officer)

L.10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received for this meeting from Councillors Green, Smith and Westcott.

L.11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received in respect of any item on the agenda for this meeting.

In accordance with legislative requirement, for the following items the Committee was sitting as the '**Community Protection Committee.**'

L.12 HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE FEES REVIEW

The committee considered a report from Executive Director of Place and Resources outlining a review of the fees for the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire licensing regime in North East Lincolnshire and proposing new fee structures for implementation in 2023.

Mr Moody introduced the report and explained that the fees were set at a cost recovery level.

The Chair queried the increase on the officer hourly rate and the operational hourly rate increase from £39 to £46.

Mr Moody responded that the figures had been assessed by the Council's financial officers. He explained that factors such as the time it took officers to complete tasks were taken into consideration, as well as recent pay rises which would have impacted the figures.

Mr Moody referred members to section 1.7 of the report, and he reiterated that material costs had increased, meaning vehicle plates had gone up in cost. Mr Moody stated that the recommendation was for the committee to approve the fees. He explained that the trade could query the fees and that any objections that were received would be considered by the Assistant Director for Environment in consultation with the Chair of the Licensing and Community Protection Committee.

The committee voted in favour of the recommendation by 5 votes to 3.

The Chair reiterated his concern over the increase in the officer hourly rate and requested that a Finance Officer be present when discussing fees at future meetings, in order to answer questions from the committee.

RESOLVED –

1. That the new Hackney Carriage and Private Hire fees, as set out in appendix 1 of the report now submitted, be approved for introduction subject to relevant statutory notice procedures.
2. That, subject to statutory public notice, any objections received pursuant to advertisement be delegated and considered by the Assistant Director (Environment), in consultation with the Chair of Licensing and Community Protection Committee.

L.13 SCRAP METAL DEALERS LICENCES - FEES REVIEW

The committee considered a report from the Executive Director of Place and Resources outlining a revised fee structure for Scrap Metal Licensing.

Mr Moody introduced the report and explained that the fees were set at a cost recovery level. He said that the recommendation was for members to approve the fees.

The committee voted in favour of the recommendation by 7 votes with 1 abstention.

RESOLVED – That the revised table of scrap metal licensing fees, as set out in appendix 1 of the report now submitted, be approved for introduction from 1st April 2023.

L.14 SEX ENTERTAINMENT VENUES - FEES REVIEW

The committee considered a report from the Executive Director of Place and Resources outlining a revised fee structure for Sex Establishments.

Mr Moody introduced the report and stated that the recommendation was for members to approve the fees.

A member queried whether the fees in appendix 1 were annual fees. Mr Moody confirmed that they were annual fees.

The committee voted unanimously in favour of the recommendation.

RESOLVED – That the revised table of sex entertainment venue fees, as set out in appendix 1 of the report now submitted, be approved for introduction from 1st April 2023.

L.15 ANIMAL WELFARE FEES REVIEW

The committee considered a report from the Executive Director of Place and Resources outlining a new fee structure to recover the cost associated with the Animal Licensing regime.

Mr Moody introduced the report and said that the fees outlined in appendix 1 would provide cost recovery for the work involved in the animal welfare licensing regime. He said that the recommendation was for members to approve the fees.

The committee voted unanimously in favour of the recommendation.

RESOLVED – That the revised table of animal welfare fees, as set out in appendix 1 of the report now submitted, be approved for introduction from 1st April 2023.

In accordance with legislative requirement, for the following item the Committee was sitting as the **'Licensing Committee.'**

L.16

GAMBLING ACT FEES REVIEW

The committee considered a report from the Executive Director of Place and Resources outlining a revised fee structure for Licensed Gambling Premises.

Mr Moody introduced the report and explained that the Gambling Act did not cover online gambling. He said that the recommendation was for members to approve the fees.

The committee voted unanimously in favour of the recommendation.

RESOLVED – That the new fees for Gambling Act premises licences, as set out in appendix 1 of the report now submitted, be approved for introduction from 1st April 2023.

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 5.33 p.m.